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Miss America works for homeless:

Eighteen-year-old Kimberly Clarice Aiken, Miss America 1994 is the fifth black woman to be crowned Miss America. As Miss America, Aiken will speak on behalf of the homeless, a cause she has chosen to champion during her reign. A tireless advocate for the poor, she founded Homeless Education and Resource Service group that collects food and clothing for the homeless population of Columbia, S.C.—COLUMBIA, SC



Louisiana congressional districts to be re-drawn:

A three judge federal panel ruled that Louisiana's congressional districts must be re-drawn because they were made to guarantee the election of two black representatives. Judge Wiener Jr. indicated in the decision. "We find the plan in general, and Louisiana's Congressional District 4 (Cleo Fields), in particular, are the product of racial gerrymandering and are not narrowly tailored to further any compelling government interests. The suit gained momentum earlier this year after the Supreme Court stated in Shaw vs. Reno that districts drawn solely to ensure a black representative may violate the rights of white voters.—SHREVEPORT, LA.

NRC Violence Conference held in Washington:

The National Rainbow Coalition Violence Conference was held at the Washington Hilton, January 6-8. Topics and panelists included, "Violence Against Women in the Media and society," panelists: C. Delores Tucker, Dorothy Heighe, Terri Rossi, and Robin Rhinehart. "Conditioning," panelists: Kent Amos, Dr. Mary Frances Berry, Roger Wilkins, Marian Wright Edelman. "The Cost of Crime," panelists: Walter Ridley, Congressman John Conyers, Dr. Joycelyn Elders, Sheila Jackson Lee and Yvonne Scaries. "Welfare Reform: The Crime Bill," panelists: Maxine Waters, Laura Murphy Lee, Don Edwards, and Bobby Scott. "Violence in the Media," panelists: Bill Cosby, Percy Sutton, Jack the Rapper and Spike Lee. "Solution," panelists: Rev. Jackson, Attorney General; Janet Reno, HUD secretary Henry Cisneros, Mammie Jackson, Reverend Al Sharpton, Mayor Dennis Archer, Sharon Pratt Kelly, and Bill Campbell.—WASHINGTON, D.C.

Mayor James reports cities on the rebound

NEWARK—Newark Mayor Sharpe James, newly elected president of the National League of Cities (NLC), recently disclosed the results of a NLC survey that indicated mounting concern among municipalities throughout the United States regarding violent crime, unemployment and the future of the federal government to fund mandates it imposes on cities.

The questionnaire, that surveyed 374 elected municipal officials nationwide, showed that although the economy was the number one problem facing local governments today, many felt that public safety, a lack of jobs, and the unfunded mandates issue offset the matter of economic security.

"From this survey we have learned that America's cities and towns are

beginning to show signs of rebounding from ten years of tough economic security. Their vitality and their outlook are brightening, but the job is not yet done.

"The major issue facing America is security. While the economic security of our cities and towns may be threatened by lingering unemployment, by uncertainty in significant sectors of the workplace and by unsuccessful actions of criminal violence.

"A productive society cannot thrive, let alone survive, in the midst of persistent insecurity and violence. And this violence cuts across all racial, ethnic and socioeconomic lines: urban, suburban and rural. No one is

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Legacy officials call for Jablonski's resignation

compiled by Sandra Wright

Legacy, the minority employees' organization of the New Jersey Highway Authority, has publicly called for the immediate resignation of Robert Jablonski, the unsanctioned chairman of the authority, which manages the Garden State Parkway and the Garden State Arterial. The group was angered recently by the Authority commissioners' public action in last fall of rejecting union contract affecting several hundred newly-unemployed employees and then approving retroactive salary increases for the Authority's 15 highest ranking administrators.

In a letter to Chairman Jablonski, Legacy President Jerry Jackson asked for Jablonski's resignation and stated, "The executive committee of Legacy has asked that I convey our strong condemnation of your recent and unconscionable action (with Commissioners Leusser, Padovano, Tremayne, Zaro and the D.O.T. representatives), in delaying consideration

for a projected union contract agreement and cowardly hiding behind a non-existent request by the Whitman transition staff. Equally unconscionable are these times of alleged fiscal prudence at the Highway Authority, is your action at the same public meeting last week in granting substantial retroactive salary increases to the Authority's 15 highest paid administrators."

Jackson also voiced strong condemnation for Jablonski for deleting from the salary increase list the name of the only African-American included.

Highway Commissioner, Julian K. Robinson also wrote a letter to Governor Florio asking him to veto Jablonski's actions. Robinson stated, "Without any prior announcement to a large group of affected employees, the matter of their projected contract agreement was withdrawn from the meeting's agenda. The implied request was a request of the Whitman transition staff. I implore you to veto this glaring example of arrogant duplicitous action by a public agency."

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SOMERSET, NJ — Two young white men were the unfortunate victims of a tragic car jacking in update New York recently. This incident resulted in the death of one victim while the other suffered a severe wound to the face. An African-American male is being charged with the crime. In December 1993, 14 people were wounded and six were killed when a black man opened fire in a crowded Long Island Railroad car.

Dr. Forrest B. Soaries, Jr., pastor of the First Baptist church of Lincoln Gardens in Somerset, NJ, stated, that in the wake of these recent incidents, both involving black suspects and white victims, it is no longer possible to remain silent as a black religious leader. "There is no doubt that if in either incident, the suspects had been white and the victims black, the black community and its leadership would have been outraged. This is a fact clearly illustrated in Brooklyn, NY. This is an area still grappling with the after effects of a riot following the accidental killing of a black victim by a white driver two years ago.

Continued silence from African-American religious and social leaders in the face of horrendous crimes

committed by its constituency is an embarrassment. It becomes more of an embarrassment to then declare ourselves moral leaders. It is morally inconsistent and unacceptable that we would be less outraged simply because the alleged suspects are black and the victims white.

Violence and suffering are wrong no matter who the suspects are. We should rise above racial barriers and attempt to come together on this issue of violent crime. As a step in that direction, intend to reach out to the young man who survived the carjacking as well as the family of the young man who was killed."

Dr. Soaries also stated that black leadership can no longer afford to confine its concern about violence relative to black-on-black and black-on-white crime. He feels that it is time now to expand the focus and commitment to ending violent crime to include these issues and their atrocious results.

As Reverend Soaries continues to speak to teens in high schools throughout NJ he will challenge them to examine the way in which criminal behavior reflects on the African-American community as a whole. He will also ask them to begin to take

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more responsibility for their communities and their lives, realizing that gains made by black people everywhere are severely undermined by the violent and irresponsible behavior of black individuals anywhere.



This photo of Dr. Martin Luther King with his daughter, Bonnie is part of an exhibit hosted by the New Community Center from January 11-February 12 at the Atrium of St. Joseph Plaza at 233 West Market Street from 10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. See page 6 for more Martin Luther King events. Photo by Benedict J. Fernandez.

Cardell Cooper, Council take oath

by Connie Woodruff

Mayor Cardell Cooper and five council members took the oath of office at the annual New Years Day government reorganization meeting. Promising a "kinder, gentler government" focused on a stronger cities prevention program, an improved school system, continuing neighborhood rehabilitation and a new partnership between business and industry and the city.

In a brief reference to last Spring's bitter Primary election, that often pitted family against family and neighbor against neighbor, the mayor was delivering his second inaugural address. "It is time to put the past behind us and move forward to a brighter future where we're all family."

Choosing to be informal and conversational, the mayor said he would reserve an overview of his record in office for a later time when he delivers a state-of-the-city address to the council and city-at-large.

"Today we celebrate the people of East Orange who stood tall when others attempted to take control of the socio-economic and political affairs of our city. You made it loud and clear you would decide your own destiny, choose your own leaders and do your own thing. We are grateful for the confidence you had in your mayor and the newly elected members of the city council."

Fourth Ward councilwoman Yvonne Blake who lost the council presidency four years ago in a last minute coup, had a second reason for rejoicing. She was unanimously elected to the chairmanship. Blake, a teacher at Central High School in Newark and a former teacher in the East Orange system,

came to the council in 1983 to fill an unexpired term. She serves the Fourth Ward with councilman Phillip Thigpen, a veteran Essex County civic and political activist.

In a post-inaugural interview, Blake said she concurs with the mayor, that it is imperative to change the often negative image of the council as a governing body where every meeting becomes a battleground.

Until now, Mayor Cooper has not had a council where a majority of the members supported his

programs. Council divisiveness fostered open hostility among members for and against the mayor's policies.

Wild gang banging, dead pounding, profanity and name calling were more often the norm rather than the exception. Behavior unbefitting elected officials made East Orange the butt of unflattering jokes about "crazies" in the public sector.

Blake said her leadership will be professional, sensitive, and compassionate and visionary. Newcomers to the city council include many familiar names and residents who served in appointed positions.

It will be the second time around for the First Ward councilwoman Beverly K. Williams, who regained the seat she lost in 1990. Williams, a

professional housing management consultant, defeated former council chairman Stephen Thomas in the 1993 primary election and the Republican opponent in November.

Second Ward councilwoman Corina Kay-Williams, is a retired Newark high school principal and life long E.O. resident. Kay-Williams will represent the second Ward with Charles Robinson, council member. Her mayoral appointment date back to the William (Bill) Hart administration. She has been a Police and Fire commissioner, trustee of the library and an immediate past member of the East Orange board of education.

Jimmy Small resigned as president of the East Orange board of education shortly before he was sworn-in to join Mark L. Scotland as a council representative in the Third Ward.

Carol Y. Clark was the only survivor on the slate of candidates running against the Cooper ticket. A native of East Orange, Clark is a physical education teacher and former assistant athletic director for Essex County College. As a candidate, Clark had the advantage of her mother Alberta's long experience as a politician, and her father's long experience as a city Democratic County Committee. But it was her own magnetism and record of community service to the voters in the Fifth Ward that weighed heavily in her favor.

In keeping with the atmosphere of "family," the inauguration showcased local residents and friends. Mr. Amir Matthews and the Faith Temple New Hope Church, along with the popular duo of Isaac Brown and Larry Whisonant were featured musical performers. (Continued on page 10)

Fury ready for Plainfield's challenges

by Kaylin Dines

While keeping one eye on his two sons, and his mind focused on upcoming tasks at City Hall, the newly sworn-in Mayor Mark A. Fury discusses dilemmas and action items that his administration will encounter.

"Due to a \$2 million shortfall as a result of the previous administration, local residents will be plagued with increased taxes. According to the Mayor, a graduate of both Rutgers University and Georgetown Law School, once the City Council adopted the previous administration's budget, he had "no say." "It is unfortunate that this is being done on my watch against my will."

Driven by his dedication to civic service and memberships in Frontiers International and Omega Psi Phi Fraternity Inc., Mayor Fury has urged four primary goals for the town:

decrease crime, improve the education system, spur economic development and improve performance and efficiency of city government.

With the assistance of the Union County Prosecutors Office, the Mayor plans to "confront" areas that are drug and crime infested. In addition, Mayor Fury's administration will seek private and public grants for youth projects. These projects are intended to deter young people from "creating their own entertainment."

Since "Education makes up 40 percent of the tax base," people should learn more about the system, commented Mayor Fury. The second primary goal, improving the education system, can be achieved by working closely with the Board of Education and informing the public of current

The 35-year-old Mayor, labeled spurring economic development "the easiest" goal to address. In the past, three city employees serviced approximately 200 businesses in the downtown area. A reorganization that will "trim the manpower" which services the city's local businesses, will be enforced under Mayor Fury's term to increase productivity while "spending no extra money."

"Improving downtown Plainfield is another component of this goal, Fury said, "more than 10,000 cars travel Park Avenue from Route 22 daily. I want them here."

Mayor Fury calls on organizations such as: Central Jersey Chamber of Commerce, Plainfield Business Development Corporation, and the Plainfield Redevelopment Agency to stabilize smaller businesses and

develop ideas that will cause consumers to "stop and look" at products offered by local businesses. "If we do this, we will be off to the races."

The final primary goal, improving performance and efficiency of the City Government, requires reorganizations, an audit, and the preparation of a budget for 1995.

The Mayor referred to Eric Watson, as "a long-time Plainfield resident and Director of Public Works who brings 'competence and leadership' to this administration along with experience as a hands-on manager and former construction firm owner."

"I trust my family's finances with Steve," said the Mayor of Steve Holmes, the 42-year-old Director of Administration and Finance who is a Deacon and Trustee at a local church. Henry Kika, a former Deputy under Rick Taylor's administration, was sworn in as City Administrator. (Continued on page 10)

'Whitman Rose' sales benefit CHAP Unit

TRENTON—The Boehm Studio has dedicated The Whitman Rose, to honor our first lady Governor of New Jersey, Christine Todd Whitman, reflects the Governor-Elect's spirit of caring and sharing. A portion of the sale of the rose will benefit the Children's Hospital of New Jersey's CHAP Unit of the National Pediatric AIDS Resource Center.

The CHAP Unit (Children's Hospital AIDS Program) is dedicated to providing babies and children with the HIV infection with state-of-the-art medical care in a loving and dignified manner. The Boehm Whitman Rose is a soft peach-colored bloom nestled in a cluster of green and celadon leaves and bears an historical hallmark reading: The Boehm Studio honors Governor Christine Todd Whitman with the Whitman Rose January 18, 1994.

The Rose measures 5"x4" and costs \$125. \$25 of which will be donated to the National Pediatric AIDS Resource Center and is tax-deductible.



Sharing holiday joy

NEWARK—Patients at United Hospital's Children's Hospital of New Jersey in Newark did not miss out on the joys of the holiday season because they were hospitalized. The Honorable Kevin O'Toole, Mayor of Cedar Grove (right) and Tom Scivo, Esq., of the law firm of Robinson, St. John and Wayne in Newark, brought Santa and an abundance of toys to a 90 year old Rose Jeanty of Newark and other patients over the holidays.



Quality Beer, Inc. and Urban League donate turkeys

NEWARK—Curtis Greer of Quality Beer, Inc., of Fairfield and Urban League of Essex County Executive Director, Lydia Davis Barrett, of Montclair display one of the turkeys donated to individuals and institutions to provide Christmas dinners for those in need. Quality Beer, the Anheuser-Busch distributor in Essex County, joined with the brewing firm to underwrite the cost of making the turkeys available for the holidays. Greer, who played defensive back for the St. Louis (later Phoenix) Cardinals of the NFL, is a principal owner of one of three Anheuser-Busch distributorships organized earlier this year when the brewer sold its former Newark wholesale operation to private interests.



Seniors spread cheer in Essex County

The Retired and Senior Volunteer Program of Essex County, RSVP, distributed 700 bears donated by Abraham & Strauss Department Store during the Christmas Season to the children in Essex County.

RSVP is a nationwide volunteer organization that people over the age of 55 who do volunteer work in their community. Bears were distributed to several organizations throughout Newark and East Orange. Carol Lett (l), Assistant Director RSVP and Mimi Paperman, Director RSVP and second grade children from the South 17th Street School in Newark. For further information about RSVP and how you can volunteer, please call 201-673-0640.

Durham's Hillside HS class of '44 plans grand golden reunion

DURHAM, N.C.—Fifty years after graduating—154 strong—from Durham's Hillside High School, members of the Class of 1944, now in their 60s, are planning a grand golden reunion during the Labor Day weekend of 1994.

Members, or persons knowing the whereabouts of any members of the HHS Class of 1944 who do not receive regular communications from the class, are urged to send addresses and/or telephone numbers to the current class president, Mrs. Louise Dawson Smith, 312 Wayne Circle, Durham, NC 27707. Or call Joy McManus at 919-383-6652.

Whitman appoints Herb Tate

Governor-elect Christie Whitman announced on Monday the intention to nominate Herbert Tate of West Orange, former Essex County Prosecutor to the Board of Regulatory Commissioners and to designate him as board chairman. Whitman said that she intended to restore the Board to the Cabinet-level status. "The actions of the Board touch nearly everyone in New Jersey," Whitman said. "The Board has an impact on individuals, on businesses, and on the overall economic health of the state. With responsibilities of that magnitude, it is essential that the agency be led by a capable, experienced and knowledgeable person. I believe I have recommended that person in Herb Tate."

Coping

By Dr. Charles W. Faulkner

Manipulate your way to happiness

Let's face it! When you are honest, lovable and devoted, you receive a mild emotional "kick in the teeth." Your spouse thinks you are weak, takes you for granted and stops treating you with kindness. Your friends become less careful and considerate of your feelings. Your boss expects you to do more work than other employees. And, you generally are made to feel unhappy.

On the other hand, when you play "hard to get," act nasty and intimidating and push people around, the results are often surprisingly different. Your spouse becomes jealous and affectionate. Your friends regard you as strong and assertive. Your boss gives you a promotion for having strong leadership qualities. In general, you get the respect that you want.

The nice person usually gets abused, the manipulative person gets respected. This seems to contradict what you have been told throughout your life by your parents, ministers and teachers. You were told to be honest, fair and kind. You were told to do unto others as you would have them do unto you. This was supposed to lead to friendship and happiness, because people were supposed to respond to you with kindness whenever you were kind to them. But, it has led to people labeling you as weak and has, as a result, led to your unhappiness.

Most people are reluctant to admit this apparent unfortunate truth, because it seems so wrong. It seems so unfair. It seems so much against what we want to believe. But, no matter how unfair it may appear, no matter how much we want the "nice guy" world to exist, the blatant reality is simply that nice guys, in fact, do not often win! In fact, nice people usually end up as losers.

The winners in this society are (unfortunately) the manipulators of behavior, the con men. We are not referring to evil people, bank robbers or sadists. We are not referring to people whose primary objective is to harm you in some way. We are not referring to people who have any negative intent in mind. The reference is to people who modify their behavior in order to provoke a favorable response from others. There is, normally, no desire to hurt anyone.

Are you startled by this revelation? Probably not. You realize that in order to get a pay raise from the boss you must smile, be kind and courteous, and make him think that you regard him as a nice guy (even though you may resent him).

If you want your teacher to give you a good grade, you must act as if you have studied hard and fully understand the lesson (although you may not have studied at all). If you want to be pursued by the opposite sex, you must hide all of your negative qualities and act as if you are kind, desirable, intelligent, confident and give the impression that you are pursued by many members of the opposite sex (even if this is not true).

The point is that you are already well-schooled in the art of psychological manipulation. But, you have a less provocative name for it. Perhaps we call it psychological pragmatism, a little white lie, gentle persuasion or common sense. But, no matter what you call it, it is manipulation and playing the con game to get what you want.

The Dream is alive

Community Calendar

JANUARY 12-FEBRUARY 24

EAST HANOVER—The Nabisco Gallery will hold an exhibit of African-American images by artists such as Romare Bearden and Shirley Johnson. For further information call 201-682-7140.

JANUARY 14-27

SUMMIT—The Palmer gallery will host a watercolor exhibition entitled "Excellence in Watercolor." For further information call 908-927-9121.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 15

LINDEN—The Multi-Cultural Arts Association presents auditions for a Male Extravaganza, at the Polish National Home, 300 Roselle St. No one under 21 Auditions 12 to 2 p.m. sharp. For registration forms call 908-412-9722.

NEW YORK—The New York Knicks will host the Detroit Pistons at 1 p.m. Tickets are \$17.50 and \$13. For further information call 212-465-6000.

MONDAY, JANUARY 17

WESTFIELD—Women for Women of Union County presents community education workshops on building self-esteem and support group for separated and divorced women. Group instruction encourages open communication. Workshop starts at 7:30 p.m. Snow date 1/24. For further information call 908-232-5787.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 18

PLAINFIELD—Plainfield Board of Ed. holds its executive meeting at the Cedarbrook school, at 6:30 p.m.

NEWARK—The Urban League of Essex County and Congressman Donald Payne presents a forum on the "Resurrection of the Elementary and Secondary school act of '65", at the Boys & Girls Club of Newark one Avon Ave 2nd fl. For further information call 201-624-9535.

WESTFIELD—Women for Women of Union County presents a workshop on Co-Dependency, "The Struggle With a Family Member or Friends Addiction." The group provides a safe supportive atmosphere to share feelings and solutions. Workshop begins at 7:30 p.m. Snow date 1/25. For further information call 908-232-5787.

JANUARY 18 & 19

MANHATTAN—The New York Institute of Technology presents Master Class: Drawing on Creativity. Two days of advanced workshop focusing on creative thinking and problem solving. From 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. For further information call 718-817-8747.

JERSEY CITY—Jersey City Public Library presents the showing of "The Seduction of Joe Hyatt" at 1 p.m. in the Mildred H. Nunkie Auditorium. For further information call 201-547-4546.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 19

HACKENSACK—Bergen County Technical Schools Career and Life Counseling Center, located at 280 Hackensack Ave. is having an open house at 9:30 a.m. For further information call 201-343-6000.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 22

MORRISTOWN—Winter activities at Forestfields Living Historical Farms include ice-cutting on farm pond, cranberry sugaring, depending on the weather. Kitchen demonstrations in the willows.

MONTCLAIR—Arts Council of Essex Area presents a showing of *Ladders to the Sky* performed by the Shoestring Players, at Montclair Kimberley Academy 201 Valley Rd. For further information call 201-744-1717.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 23

PLAINFIELD—The Zora Neale Hurston Literary Society meets at 3:00 p.m. at the Plainfield Public Library, Park Avenue. This reading: "King of the Cats" by Adam Clayton Powell, Jr., biography by W.H. Heywood, & "Days of Grace" by Arthur Ashe. For more info call 908-757-1111.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 25

PLAINFIELD—Plainfield Board of Education holds its weekly meeting at Plainfield high school conference rm. at 7 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 26

JERSEY CITY—Jersey City Public Library presents the showing of *All the President's Men* at 1 p.m. in the Mildred H. Nunkie Auditorium. For further information call 201-547-4546.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 1

NEWARK—African-American History Month Committee Guest Speaker: Dr. Cornell West, Director Afro-American Studies, Princeton University, 1 p.m. in the Mary B. Burch Theatre. For more info. call 201-877-3054.

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National News at a glance

By Robert N. Taylor

Court ruling could cost black congressional seats: A ruling by a three judge federal panel threatens the seat of several blacks recently elected to the U.S. Congress. Immediately, the district court decision requires a Louisiana congressional district which was drawn up to insure the election of a black, be redrawn for the 1994 election, so as not to favor blacks. However, several African-Americans now in Congress were elected in 1992 from districts drawn up to insure the chances of a black person being elected to Congress. Representative Cleo Fields, who was elected from the Louisiana district immediately affected by the ruling, said the court decision, "puts a chilling effect on Civil Rights in this country." Louisiana Governor Edwin Edwards said he will ask the U.S. Supreme Court to overturn the lower court ruling.

—SHREVEPORT, LA

Racism on the rise in Britain: Black Members of Parliament, Bernie Grant, created a controversy in England recently when he proposed that the government give blacks financial assistance so they could return to their native countries. Grant was reacting to a sharp rise in racist violence in Britain over the past two years. Anti-black violence has increased at the levels in Germany and other parts of Europe, but Grant says, "we've gone back to the position where we've got to fight racism now on the streets, against overt racism." Authorities say the decline in race relations appears to be in part related to deteriorating economic conditions in the country. Most blacks in England are natives or descendants of various Caribbean and African countries.

—LONDON, ENGLAND

Michael Jackson reportedly seeking a deal to avoid jail: Lawyers for pop music superstar Michael Jackson are said to be negotiating a \$10 million deal with the federal government to avoid jail. The 32-year-old boy whom he is accused of sexually molesting, Jackson has publicly and dramatically proclaimed his innocence and has labeled media coverage of the allegations "humiliating." But sources close to the Jackson camp say he is seeking an out-of-court settlement of a civil suit against him, in a bid to head off a potential criminal indictment. The civil suit is scheduled to go to trial in March and no criminal charges have been filed. But the source says, "Jackson's attorneys fear the superstar would either testify and risk incriminating himself or take the fifth amendment and draw increased suspicion to himself." A recent article in Vanity Fair magazine suggested that several people are prepared to testify about Jackson's questionable relationships with young boys.

—LOS ANGELES, CALIF.

Klan protests plan to integrate Texas town: Members of the Texas Ku Klux Klan have been staging a series of rallies to protest federal government plans to integrate—for a second time—a public housing complex in all white Vidor, TX. A black family is scheduled to move into the complex later this month. Early last year four black adults and five children were forced from the housing project after racial harassment and intimidation. They had been the first blacks to live in the town in 70 years. Klan leader Michael Lowe has vowed to "encourage" any new black families not to stay in the town. —VIDOR, TX

Toni Morrison loses valuable manuscripts in fire: Nobel Prize-winning black author Toni Morrison is said to have lost several valuable manuscripts when a fire totally destroyed her Grand View, New York home during the recent holiday season. One witness said Morrison was so disturbed about losing the manuscripts that she had to be restrained from running into the burning house to retrieve them. Her son, Fred, described the entire situation as "stressful," adding, "We're still trying to get information."

—GRAND VIEW, N.Y.

Post Office to launch "Buffalo Soldiers" stamp: The U.S. Postal Service has announced a new "Buffalo Soldiers" stamp to honor the black soldiers who served on the Western frontier in the late 1800s. The stamp is scheduled for release in April. On hand for the unveiling of the stamp at a White House ceremony were the last two surviving members of the black cavalry unit, William Herrington of Salina, KS and Mark Matthews of Washington, D.C. Legend has it that Indians originally labeled the black cavalry men "Buffalo Soldiers."

—WASHINGTON, D.C.

Africa's troubles expected to mount in 1994: According to a report by the United Nations Committee for Refugees, civil strife, economic hardship and refugees are all expected to increase in Africa during 1994. The report says "tens of thousands of people can be expected to die" in ongoing civil wars in at least a dozen African countries. Among the few bright spots are Zimbabwe and Kenya where relatively stable governments are expected to aid economic growth.

—UNITED NATIONS, N.Y.

Uganda hosts 7th Pan African Congress

by Dr. Tajudeen Abdul-Raheem

Twenty years ago Africans around the globe convened for the purpose of holding the long awaited 6th Pan African Congress. The conference came about after the idea of Pan Africanism had taken its second dive since the 5th PAC was held in 1945. This was the last PAC attended and led by the founding father of Pan Africanism, the late Dr. W.E.B. Dubois.

Dr. Dubois went to France in December 1918 to address the Peace Congress, being held at Versailles, about his idea of calling a "Pan African Congress." At the time he was without credentials or influence, but the idea took on. This led to the First Pan African Congress which assembled in Paris in February 1919. Of the fifty-seven delegates that attended, only nine countries and twelve delegates represented the African continent. Although Africa was partially represented, most of Africa was still under colonial rule and the main goal of the decolonization of Africa and African unity still prevailed.

The Pan African Congress continued to assemble periodically from 1919 to 1927 and was the main American idea rather than African. By 1929 the Pan African Movement was losing ground and a desperate effort was made to hold the 5th PAC on the African continent. This attempt however was blocked by both the French Government, who would not allow the Congress to meet in Tunis or in any of its Colonies in Africa, and the Great Depression.

Eighteen years later in 1945, the World Trade Union Congress met in Paris, France. It was here that black laborers from the Caribbean, America, and parts of Europe got together and called for a 5th PAC, to be held in the Republic of Liberia. After reviewing the situation, the convening committee decided to hold the Congress in Manchester, England just days after the World Trade Union Conference. Despite the effort, difficulties of transportation and passport restriction made the attendance limited. However, those who did participate in the conference, such as: Kwame Nkrumah, Jomo Kenyatta, Othman Danabadi, E.B. Makenzie, and others, were to later play a prominent role in the decolonization of Africa.

Almost thirty years would pass before the PAC would reconvene. During this time many African countries were slowly gaining independence from Colonial rule. Ghana, formerly The Gold Coast, was the first to receive its independence in 1947. In April 1958, the incumbent President, Kwame Nkrumah, called a meeting of all independent African states at the time, and this meeting became known as the First Pan African Conference to be held on African soil.

Later that year another conference was called, this time including both independent states and nationalist movements. Sixty-two Liberation Nationalist and Liberation Movements were represented. Patrice Lumumba, Abdul-Rahman Babu, Nelson Mandela, and Sekou Toure just to name a few. Similar conferences were held in Tunis and Cairo between 1961 and 1962.

In 1963, thirty two independent states met in Addis Ababa and formed the Organization of African Unity, whose charter and purpose was a compromise of the radical and moderate nationalist leaders. The radicals wanted to see the immediate redemption of Africa by any means necessary, including armed struggle, while the moderates on the other hand wanted to take a slower approach in the unity of Africa. Militants and Pan Africanists were openly disappointed with the limitations of the OAU, because it did not advocate the participation or offer solidarity of Diasporic

Africans. This soon led to the revival of the Pan African Movement and the PAC series. The initiative for a 6th PAC came from a small group of African-Americans and African-Caribbeans who met in the United States and Bermuda in 1971 and '72. The committee was organized and the 6th PAC took place in June 1974 at the University of Dar-es-Salaam, and was attended by fifty-two delegations from African and Caribbean states, liberation movements, 250 African-Americans, and communities of Diasporans from South America, Britain, and the Pacific.

Issues on the agenda were, independence through armed struggle, the question of imperialism and neo-colonialism, the underdevelopment of third world countries, education and culture, colonialism in the Caribbean, and the role of African women. Unfortunately, there was the inability to make concrete resolutions so that they could be carried out, and there was no organizational structure for the Congress itself to serve as an institutional base. So once again the Pan African Congress would lie dormant for another twenty years.

After a series of meetings by the International Planning Committee, the date and place was set for the 7th Pan African Congress. The conference was to be held in Kampala, Uganda in December 1993. However after logistical problems, the 7th PAC



Pictured from left to right: Dr. Tajudeen Abdul-Raheem of Nigeria, General Secretary of the 7th Pan African Congress, A. Akbar Muhammad, International Representative of the Nation of Islam, and Dr. Abdul-Rahman Muhammad Babu from Tanzania, based in London.

was canceled and rescheduled for April 3-8, 1994. The broad theme of the Congress is, "Pan Africanism: Facing the Future in Unity, Social progress and Democracy." Two main issues on the agenda are: (1) A determination of the scope of the political and economic unity of Africa and Africans worldwide. (2) Acceptance

of the notion that Pan Africanism represents the basis of a viable and absolutely necessary project, to which all Africans must subscribe, and this should be the base for foreign policy formulation and projection.

The International Planning Committee aspires that the Congress not be just a forum for ideas, but an

historic opportunity to formulate a plan of action. The IPC will also oversee the continuation of PAC conferences in the future. It would be a tragedy to let the Pan African Movement sleep for another twenty years. By the will of God, history will be made this April in Kampala, Uganda. We look forward to seeing you there.

Whitman visits Children's Hospital of New Jersey

NEWARK—Governor-Elect Christine Todd Whitman recently visited United Hospital Children's Hospital of New Jersey in Newark on Thursday, January 6 for a facility tour. New Jersey's first woman Governor is committed to supporting AIDS education and prevention programs, and Children's Hospital will be the recipient of funds raised at the upcoming inaugural festival in Atlantic City.

The Governor-Elect visited inpatient care areas including neo-natal intensive care cardiac surgical, pediatric intensive care and the interme-

diate care units. The Children's Hospital AIDS Program (CHAP) is the largest and most comprehensive pediatric AIDS program in the country and also houses the National Pediatric AIDS Resource Center.

"We are proud that the new Governor feels that Children's Hospital deserves the recognition and support that she has given us. With her commitment we will continue to serve Newark and New Jersey providing the best medical care for children that only a pediatric facility such as ours can give,"

said John Dandridge, Jr. President and CEO of United Hospitals.

"Children's Hospital is one of the finest facilities of its kind in the country," Whitman said. "It has achieved a national reputation and national recognition for its efforts in caring for infant, afflicted with AIDS. One of the highest priorities of my Administration will be continued support for AIDS research and education programs and the proceeds from one of my inaugural events is a very visible way to highlight that commitment."

Who says the city is a jungle?



Al Sharpton speaks at Plainfield Library

PLAINFIELD — Reverend Al Sharpton will speak at the Plainfield Public Library, 8th Street at Park Ave. in Plainfield on Wednesday, January 12, 1994 at 7:00 p.m. Reverend Sharpton will be participating in the Langston Hughes Lecture Series program of the Plainfield Library. His topic for the evening will be *Martin Luther King and Beyond*. Co-sponsored by the State of New Jersey Martin Luther King, Jr. Commission, this program is free and open to the public. Seating is limited, on a first come basis. For further info., call (908) 757-1111.

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Coming home

"It is time to examine our actions and take responsibility for our lack of progress. Stop begging, moaning and groaning and blaming the white man for our problems." There seems to be a rising tide in some quarters of the black community to move black America away from their overwhelming dependence on the government and politicians to solve their own problems. This new black vocal right is providing a forum to reflect the diversity in the black community. Basic concerns of the black community are beginning to resurface.

Although the Republican party may be the beneficiary of this move to the right, these views that are now being associated with some blacks have been a fundamental tenet in the black community since emancipation. Conservative views have consistently been the backbone of black survival. It has only been through the labeling of media, politicians and advertising wizards that have placed blacks in a neat yet distorted box so that they can manipulate this group better.

We say let the flood gates open. Black people should rush to become who they are: conservative, liberal, entrepreneurs, educators, teachers, contractors, everything and anything that builds on the great diversity within the black community.

Hopefully the time is fast approaching when non-blacks will feel they have a need to actually make an effort to discover who blacks really are. The only way to do this is through our country's ability to once again become a viable economic power with the ability to create jobs and wealth.

We as a community must focus on our economic buying power and look at how we spend and with whom we spend \$300 billion dollars. Are we demanding, respect for our economic strength and trying to create jobs and wealth in our communities or are we looking for the government to give us wealth.

Some may call these views a move to the right. However others just see it as a refocusing on the principles and convictions that paved the way for growth in the '50s and '60s.

Below is an instruction from *Life's Little Instruction Book* by H. Jackson Brown Jr. These thoughtful "instructions" are both helpful and practical for everyday living. We believe that everyone can benefit from these words.

"If a man is called to be a streetsweeper, he should sweep streets even as Michelangelo painted, or Beethoven composed music, or Shakespeare wrote poetry. He should sweep streets so well that all the hosts of heaven and earth will pause to say, here lived a great street-sweeper who loved his job well."

— Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.



by Connie Woodruff

If you're one of those people who think Sara Bost was "just lucky" when she won the presidency of the Essex County Board of Freeholders for a third consecutive term, take it from me, your political IQ is the pits.

Luck had nothing to do with anything that happened in the Freeholders annual reorganization meeting. It was a well-engineered fail campaign, that went off without a hitch, and without a dissenting voice. Bost came into the meeting with the five solid votes she needed to keep the position she obviously enjoys.

"I'm willing to bet that behind that sweet smile and sometimes docile appearance, beats the heart of an ambitious, savvy politician. There's nothing wrong with that, it's what Ms. Bost needs as a career politician. What was surprising is that Jim Cavanaugh, a Freeholder-at-large from Livingston, and a veteran of many political wars who also wanted the presidency didn't put up much of a fight. It was almost like he couldn't get his act together, while Sara fought to hold on to the presidency and the vengeance of a lion, instead of the meekness of a lamb."

It was an entirely new persona for the otherwise gentle Ms. Bost. When Cavanaugh, the board's vice president, complained she had reneged on a promise to let him step up to the presidency in 1994, she simply ignored his complaints and accusations about unfairness.

When she did make up her mind to answer his charges, she said she was running to save the Democratic Party from being accused of having all white, all male leadership in county government. "The Party cannot afford to send the wrong message to African-Americans and women that say 'You can vote for us but you can't lead us.' As an African-American and a woman, I reject that notion because I have served in a leadership position for the past two years and I don't think my constituents want me to be party to the destruction

of gains we have made, to make Democratic Party leadership inclusive for the groups that have the largest bloc of votes."

If she had any feelings or fell uncomfortable about the agenda inscribed toward the election of officers, it certainly didn't show. She was buoyed by the fact blacks and women dominated the audience of some 600 county residents and visitors who kept defiant eyes glued to the date where the Freeholders were seated.

The election for board leadership went off with no glitches. Bost was the lone nominee for president and by voice vote the nine Freeholders gave their unanimous approval. It was all over in five minutes. No mess. No fuss. A well-oiled machine had completed its appointed task.

It has been said Freeholder President Bost owes her victory to one of Newark's political gurus. That may or may not be true because it's doubtful he had the power to alter all five votes she needed to win. No, it was more than luck that made Sara Bost a three-term Freeholder Board president. It was long range planning, good timing and an extraordinary display of how easy it is to survive politically when you learn how to master the art of the deal.

Conversely, luck had a lot to do with Maria Vizcarra-DeSoto's election as Essex County Surrogate. Vizcarra-DeSoto was lucky to be Latino and female, which made her a better choice as a candidate for county-wide campaign than Michael Nelson, an African-American attorney who was the acting surrogate.

She was lucky to have a recognition factor, particularly among Latino voters. She also started out with a base of support she could build on among graduates of ASPRA, the Hispanic youth educational program, the Puerto Rican Congress of N.J., and the state Office of Hispanic Affairs. Maria was lucky she ran on the Regular Democratic ticket—unless some horrible catastrophe happens, the Democratic regulars win most Essex County elections. She was also lucky to be the only Latino in the race and that made it easier for her constitu-

ents to bullet-vote her into office.

This is not to say the new surrogate does not have attributes that make her an attractive political personality. She is attractive, intelligent, articulate, energetic, skillful and a long-time advocate for people. The nicest touch of her swearing-in was her mother, Tomasa Toro, holding the bible while her husband, Superior Court Judge Hector DeSoto administered the oath of office.

Ex-surrogate Michael Nelson is a man in waiting. Waiting to see whether or not Governor Christie Whitman will appoint him to a judgeship for which he has been nominated.

This was not a happy Kwanzaa for Senator Ronald Rice and his wife, Shirley. They spent the holidays in Washington, for the burial of Ms. Rice's sister, a frequent visitor and friend to many of councilman Rice's West Ward supporters.

AT&T exec Sidney Jackson and his wife, Kean College administrator, Janice Harris Jackson, extend thanks to many friends who sent expressions of condolences, mourning the passing of Sid's mother, Mrs. Onay Jackson, formerly of Newark, now Avenel. Mrs. Jackson died January 2 and leaves to mourn her; husband Charles Jackson, Sr., sons, Charles E. Jr. and Sidney, a daughter, Shirley J. Salisbury, five siblings, five grand and six great-grandchildren, plus a host of nieces and nephews, other relatives and friends. The deceased was a life member of Abyssinian Baptist Church, Newark and over the years active in many church clubs.

Death was also an unwelcome visitor to the Byrd Family whose brother, John, formerly of Newark, now Jackson, N.J. drowned while vacationing in Cancun, Mexico, December 28. The Byrds are an old Newark family whose members have remained active in social, church and political circles. John is survived by his wife, Mattie, children, David J. of Chevy Chase, Md., Mark A. of Springfield, Va. and Leah M. of Washington, D.C., brothers, Joseph of Maplewood, James W. of Chevy Chase, Md., William of Hillsdale; sisters, Ann Crumley of East Orange, Carolyn Benton and Catherine Brown, both of Newark.

At year ends we are happy to join scores of friends in toasting new-lyweds Calvin West; assistant to Newark Mayor Sharpe-James and Audrey Harris West; director of the Newark Pre-school Center. They put an end to the guessing and speculation, when they verified a recent visit to the French Riviera, and a Paris shopping spree for Audrey was a combination honeymoon-vacation. What a way to start the New Year. It couldn't happen to a nicer couple. Right on, you two.

Business Exchange: The right side

by William Reed

Malcolm S. Forbes, Jr. recently told the talk show audience what he thought of the government is not to be the engine that drives economic development, but to set policies and regulations so that the private sector can survive and prosper.

Too often, when you hear blacks talking, it sounds as if you are in a socialist country. If it wasn't for Armstrong Williams and "The Right Side" talk show program, listeners to East coast stations that claim to "reach more African American intellectuals than any other black-owned radio outlet in the country," would have been talking the same old silly stuff to each other, believing that municipal mayor, city and county council people and the Congressional Black Caucus have the responsibility to visualize, construct

and fund black economic opportunities. Appearing on Washington and Baltimore's Radio One Network, Armstrong and "The Right Side" shows that "good" information is power, by having people such as Malcolm Forbes, who has "walked the walk," to "talk the talk." The radio show, and host, have a conservative slant on economic and fiscal affairs, hence the name, "The Right Side." Both could be a model for national black radio because they emphasize ways and means of self-help and self-empowerment for minorities.

More black people will have to get on the right side. Most of us now know that exclusive reliance on government programs has not brought economic success to African America. Most blacks have faith in their own self-sufficiency, but are stuck with the something-for-nothing notion of entitlements from the government. "The Right Side" host acknowledges that racism is a problem, but when he is able to get a word in edgewise, William's cries point out that poverty is the primary problem facing blacks. Black needs economic

solutions. And, like "The Right Side," we need constructive information that would economic solutions. We need more instructions on how to raise ourselves and children in the art of free enterprise to create jobs for the poor and fund social programs for the black community.

We need to pay more attention to concepts for the right side of the political and social spectrum. We need to stop our collective habit of calling into radio shows with plain old "victim" talk and discussions

about what "they" refuse to do for us. A community of 30 million people who emphasize civil rights over economic power, will never have equal rights. Many of the guests on a program like "The Right Side," realize that both civil rights and economic power are equally necessary. A black community that earns \$300 billion a year and spends 95 percent of its money with other groups cannot blame them for 100 percent of its problems.

Black and to the right is a direction in which more black people and our

black-oriented programs across the country should be going. If information is, in fact, power, black audiences need to re-examine our politics and ownership of conservative impulses. If we are to grow in America's capitalist society, there should be greater ideological diversity within the black community. Be it from newspaper or radio airwaves, let's hope that more and more thoughts from the right will come to your neighborhood and opinion formation processes, soon.

Blacks killing blacks, whites killing whites: It's all crime

by Sharon Khadijah Vincent

If according to the FBI and the Bureau of Justice statistics, it's a fact that murders in which there was a single killer and a single victim are committed by individuals of the same race, then it is incorrect to refer to crimes committed against one black person by another, as so-called "black-on-black crime" and not refer to criminal acts by whites against each other as "white-on-white crime."

To fail to use the same terminology and references, distorts and obfuscates the problem that America has failed to come to grips with and that is the rising levels of violence that is prevalent throughout this society.

The latest statistics released by the FBI and the Bureau of Justice statistics show that 83 percent of whites murdered in this country are the victims of white murderers and 94 percent of blacks murdered are the victims of black murderers. The issue of the violent nature of these crimes are of concern to the black community and the fact that nearly half of the homicide victims (49.6 percent) in this country are black, causes even more anguish but, crime isn't just an issue that plagues just the black community and the references made to only "black-on-black crime" isolates and divorces the problem and need for broad based solutions from the general society at large.

This selective use of terminology perpetuates certain stereotypes and makes it easier for people and the society to close their eyes and ears to the plight of those suffering, and bearing the extra burden of trying to find solutions to a national problem

epidemic without the necessary resources and support.

When Mafia chiefs and underlings kill and murder each other and people in their community, it is referred to as "white-on-white crime." Are the massacres, murders and slaughter currently going on in Bosnia referred to in the major media as "white-on-white violence?" Then why talk about "black-on-black violence" when reporting on massacres in south Africa? What is the difference? Isn't murder just murder and violence just violence, regardless of race or ethnicity?

There is absolutely no question that the epidemic of crime and violence in the black community are problems that must be addressed, and dealt with in a forthright and honest manner, without excuses being made for those who would willingly engage in socially deviate behavior. Being actively impacts the quality of life for the masses of people. The recent national conference held in Washington, D.C. which was sponsored by the Rainbow Coalition, focused on youth violence and "black-on-black crime." It brought together a wide Cross section of individuals and groups to discuss and find solutions to these issues.

Reportedly, there was general consensus that the problems which face the black community are linked to the growing wave of crime and violence nationwide that impacts black communities and neighborhoods disproportionately because of chronic unemployment, failing school systems, severe poverty, the breakup of families, the widespread distribution of drugs, poor health conditions and a variety of other social and psychological conditions.

The Reverend Jesse Jackson who heads the Rainbow Coalition, called on members of the black community to become mentors for our youth and to take the lead in reviving and supporting traditional ideas, along with moral and ethical behavior which have historically held our community together through the difficult times we have endured in this country.

The call to take back our communities from the dope pushers, gangsters and killers was also heard and agreed upon to be part of the solution. The need to fight the despair and

hopelessness felt by many people were cited as important in reducing the stress felt by those who have been locked into a vicious cycle of poverty and isolation and consigned to be part of a growing, permanent underclass in this country.

Continued discussion and dialogue are encouraged to take place in neighborhoods and communities all across this country. Talk though, must be translated into meaningful action that everyone is engaged in, in order to tackle this problem. This holds true for the entire nation at large.

Life's Little Instructions

If you want to do something and you feel in your bones that it's the right thing to do, do it. Intuition is often as important as the facts.

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Religious Calendar

SUNDAY, JANUARY 16

PLAINFIELD—The Rev. Dr. Calvin O. Butts, minister of the Abyssinian Baptist Church in Harlem, New York, will speak at the Crescent Ave. Presbyterian Church, 716 Watchung Ave., at 5 p.m.

PLAINFIELD—Muhammad Mosque Study Group of Plainfield is sponsoring a clothing drive with hot meals provided for the needy. No charge. Doors will open at 6:30 p.m. at 715 E. Second St.

PLAINFIELD—The First Union Society of Plainfield, 724 Park Ave., will host a Gospel Fest and Arts Fair. Beginning at 3:30 p.m., The Gospel Fest will feature groups for Plainfield, Morristown and Newark. Admission is \$5 for adults; \$2 for children under 12. A free reception will follow the concert. For info call 695-756-0750.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 19

NORTH PLAINFIELD—Auditions for "Godspell" will be held in the Parish Hall at the Watchung Avenue Presbyterian Church, 170 Watchung Ave., from 7:00 to 9:30 p.m. Auditions will be held for three days. Bring a song, resume, and photo. Performance to be held in late March. For more info, call 958-769-4387.

MONDAY, JANUARY 24

SUMMIT—The Concord Singers, a community of men and women's choral group, will begin rehearsals for the spring season at 7:30 p.m. at St. John's Lutheran Church, 587 Springfield Ave. New members are welcome. No audition required. For more info call Mary E. Morriston 201-635-8676.

NCC host photography exhibit on the life of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

NEWARK—New Community Corporation is hosting "Countdown to Eternity," a photographic exhibition highlighting the profound impact of the Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. The exhibit provides a rare and intimate view of the slain civil rights leader allowing the viewer to share public and personal aspects of his life.

Through the courtesy of photographer, Benedict J. Fernandez, Dr. King is shown during prayer, contemplative, and triumphant moments.

According to Monsignor William Linden, founder of New Community Corporation, "continuing the dream is what this exhibition is all about." (continued on page 10)



Memorial for Dr. King New York City April 5 1968.

Photo by Benedict J. Fernandez

Martin Luther King Celebration Calendar of Events

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 12

PLAINFIELD—Plainfield Public Library presents "Then and Now, the Sights and Sounds of Change" Martin Luther King Jr. A Legacy for young people today. A visual portrait of Martin Luther King Jr. Sponsored by Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, time 2 p.m. admission is free.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 13

PLAINFIELD—The Neighborhood House of Plainfield presents "A Tribute to Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Working Toward Keeping the Dream Alive." Entertainment, poetry and music, samples of soul food will be sold. Admission \$1 for children \$2 for adults. Neighborhood house is located at 644 W. 4th St., starting time 7 p.m.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 14

PLAINFIELD—Plainfield High School presents "Living the Dream" An Artistic Tribute to Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Adults \$5, seniors, students and children \$2.50. Under 5 yrs. free.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 15

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IRVINGTON—The Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Commemorative Committee presents the ninth annual tributes honoring the life and work of Dr. King at Irvington High School, 1253 Clinton Ave. Doors open at 2 p.m. Admission is free. For further information call 201-923-2224.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 16

PLAINFIELD—First Unitarian Society of Plainfield located at 124 Park Avenue presents Musical Notes "Gospel Festival. A tribute to Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Concert starts at 3 p.m. Admission is free.

PLAINFIELD—Mount Olive Baptist Church presents a Gospel Musical "Continuing the Dream" Martin Luther King Jr. Tribute to the Community. Show time is 4 p.m. sharp. Mt. Olive is located at 216 Liberty St.

NEWARK—The Church and Society Unit of Franklin St. John's United Methodist Church presents a musical tribute commemorating the life of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. at 30 m. The church is located at 142 Maple Avenue. For further information call 201-923-9449.

HARLEM, NY—Harlem's performing arts Center presents the first annual tribute to Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. at the Apollo Theatre, 7 - 9 p.m. Featuring Ray At Sharpston. Tickets available at the Apollo information Hotline 212-749-5838, Box Office, 212-864-0372, or Ticket Master 212-307-7171.

NEWARK—The Newark Museum presents

the Annual Martin Luther King Jr. Concert, 3 p.m. in the Bally Johnson Auditorium. For more info, call 201-596-6550.

MONDAY, JANUARY 17

PLAINFIELD—Frontier International presents the Annual Memorial Martin Luther King Breakfast in Plainfield High School Cafeteria 9 a.m. Keynote speaker: Reverend Calvin Butts. Adults \$15, seniors and students \$10.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 20

JERSEY CITY—Rev. Dr. Samuel Proctor, professor emeritus at Rutgers University and pastor emeritus of Abyssinian Baptist Church of New York City, will deliver the keynote address at the fifth annual college breakfast commemorating the birthday of Dr. King. Starting time 7:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. in the Multipurpose room of the Michael Gilligan Student Union Building.

WESTFIELD—A food safety class for consumers will be offered by Rutgers Cooperative Extension of Union County, 300 North Ave. East. The course is \$45. To register call 908-233-8810.

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Black blood donors badly needed

PLAINFIELD—On Monday, January 17, in honor of Martin Luther King Jr., the Rose of Sharon Church, located at 825 West 7th Street, will conduct a gala blood drive. The drive will be conducted from 1 to 6:30 p.m. in the Church's lower level.

As a special tribute to Dr. King, minority donors who contribute blood at this important anniversary event will be eligible for a free blood test for the National Bone Marrow Registry.

In our area, there are more African-Americans in need of blood than there are African-Americans donors. That makes it difficult to find closely matched donors with similar genetic backgrounds.

Every donation made at the Rose of Sharon Church on Dr. King's Birthday, Monday, Jan. 17, will be an important contribution toward saving the lives of the very people Dr. King gave his life for.

Since blacks are active in many community activities, it may surprise some to find there is a great need to increase the number of black blood donors in our area. This is because African-Americans use more blood than other ethnic groups. Also little known fact that race is a factor in matching certain rare blood types. Only blacks can help their brothers and sisters in these special cases.

The great need for blood arises in part because many African-Americans have had less access to health care, and often have less insurance. As a result, they may wait to seek medical help until a crisis arises.

Lack of familiarity with the overall medical scene and the system for collecting blood may also discourage some blacks from donating blood. This is understandable. It applies to many of good will who would otherwise be regular donors, knowing that it helps their brothers and sisters.

Consider this: Blacks use some 50 percent of all donated blood, but contribute only 5 percent. Why? Several reasons are suggested:

Fact: As a result of the fear over the transmission of AIDS by needles, many blacks shy away from donating blood because it involves a needle.

Fact: Because of sometimes having received indifferent medical attention, African-Americans understandably shy away from any health care group.

Fact: Blacks often belong to organizations with specific interests which exclude some community affairs such as blood drives.

Fact: Under the pressure and sometimes downright struggle to make ends meet, it is difficult for some non-affluent people to find time to donate blood.

Those facts are surely understandable. But now consider the other side of the coin—why black donors are vital to the community.

The very fact that African-Americans need so much blood is a powerful reason for their brothers and sisters to donate. Someone in the black community recently said, "If there was ever a time to call each other brother and sister, it is now. And if ever there was a way to pull the black community together with pride, it is through

ties in our region does not match the racial mix of blood donors. For example, African-Americans who are more likely than Caucasians to have type O and B blood are not as well represented in the blood donor population as in the hospital population. This contributes to a hospital demand for type O blood which is greater than the supply available from the current donor pool. An increase in black donors would help eliminate this imbalance—and would help African-American families.

Your blood could save the life of someone in your community a brother, sister, mother, father, baby, friend—or you.

The blood supply is kept safe. For example, only healthy people are allowed to donate. In addition, every donated unit is tested for infectious diseases such as AIDS, hepatitis and syphilis. Any blood found to be risky, is not used.

Everyone's blood type falls into one of four groups—A, B, O, or AB. Usually, transfusions can be made as long as the blood type of the donor matches the patient's blood.

Seriously ill patients, such as those with sickle cell anemia, cancer, or leukemia, may need many transfusions over a long period. After a while their bodies may begin to reject the transfusions. This is life threatening.

Medical officials must then search for blood donors with blood types more closely matched to the patient. Although all blood types fall into one of the four major

groups (A, B, O, or AB), there are also hundreds of minor variations. Blood types are inherited just as eye color is. So, there is a chance of finding a closer match if donors have similar genetic, ethnic, and racial backgrounds. That's where one black person can make the big life to another—by donating.

You must be healthy, between 17 and 75 years old, weigh at least 110 lbs., and not have donated blood within the last 56 days. If you are 17 years old, you must have written permission to donate from parent or guardian. And remember—you can't get AIDS or any other sickness by donating blood. All you can get is a proud feeling which, indeed, you have earned.

Service brochure distributed to residents of Newark

NEWARK—Starting the week of January 3, the City of Newark began distributing a comprehensive brochure on all services offered by its Division of Sanitation as well as a listing of telephone numbers for other important city services.

According to Mayor Sharpe James, the brochures are being mailed to all of Newark's nearly 80,000 households. "They include complete information on sanitation, recycling and bulky trash collection in each of the city's collection zones, as well as street cleaning. And we list all materials that must be recycled and how to set them out for collection. Also attached to the brochure is a tear-off telephone directory of frequently-used city agencies. The tear-off is designed to be kept for easy reference and covers everything from "B" (building inspections) to "W" (water emergencies). To obtain additional copies of the 1994 Sanitation Services Reminder, call the Newark Office of Recycling at 733-6683.

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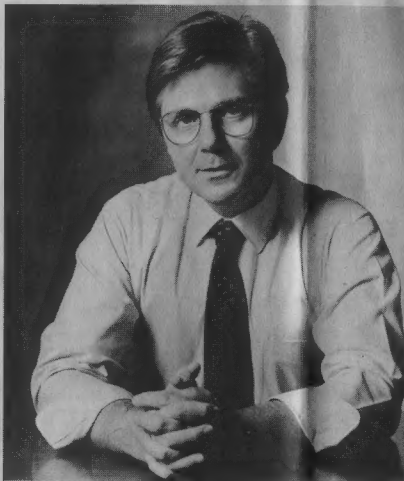


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THURSDAY, JANUARY 13

MONTECLAIR—The Montclair Museum of Art will kick off its 8th Annual American Independent Filmmakers Series with a screening of "Brother's Keeper," a 1992 award-winning documentary at 8:00 p.m. For more info call 201-746-5555 ext. 17.

METUCHEN—"Hello Muddah, Hello Fadduh" will be held over for two more weeks at the Forum, 314 Main St., until the 16th of January. For tickets call 908-548-0582.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 14

SUMMIT—Exhibition "Excellence in Watercolor" show will be held in conjunction with NJCVA's Annual Secondary School Art Teachers Symposium, Opening 6:30 p.m. For more info, call 908-273-9121.

PISCATAWAY—The Circle Players presents "Barefoot in the Park" series. Matinees and senior, student discounts available. For tickets call 908-988-7555.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 15

MONTECLAIR—The Montclair Museum of Art will present Allan R. Critz with Edmund Barry Gault in an exhibition featuring 23 pen and ink drawings. Saturday admission is free. For info call 201-746-5555.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 18

HOBOKEN—Projected Images of Hudson County presents the showing of *Age of Innocence*. Directed by Martin Scorsese, starring Michelle Pfeiffer and Daniel Day Lewis.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 19

PLAINFIELD—Internationally celebrated jazz vocalist Jeanne Bryson will perform in concert at the Plainsboro Public Library at 7:00 p.m. For more info call 908-757-1111.

NEW YORK—Legendary reedman Art Schenker is the focus of Jazz at Lincoln Center's second Jazz Talk program. Dan Morgenstern, Director of the Institute for Jazz Studies at Rutgers University will lead the discussion at the Stanley Kaplan Performance Center on the floor of Lincoln Center, Room B, and David Rose Building (1165 W. 65th St.) For tickets call 212-721-6500.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 20

NEWARK—Ruben's Restaurant and Supper Club, 31 Court St., will host a benefit for St. Philip's Academy. Minimum donation of \$5. For more info call 201-624-8203.

NEW BRUNSWICK—The New Jersey Symphony Orchestra will feature the music of Hollywood and Broadway at 8:00 p.m. at the State Theater. For more info call 201-624-8203.

TEANECK—The Westside Repertory Theater, 252 W. 81st St., will present George Bernard Shaw's "Man and Superman," at 8:00 p.m. Tickets are \$12. For reservations call 212-874-7290.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 22

NEWARK—At the Newark Museum at 2 p.m. "Black Man Film & Video Festival" in the Billy Johnson Auditorium. For more info, call 201-596-6550.

BLOOMFIELD—La Di Da is an "Open Stage" for local performers, including art, film, theater, dance and all that is original. The next gathering will be at the Essex Manor, 41 Broughton Ave., at 8:00 p.m. Admission is \$5. For more info call 201-656-3103.

TRENTON—The New Jersey Symphony Orchestra will feature the music of Hollywood and Broadway at 8:00 p.m. at the War Memorial Theater. For more info call 201-624-8203.

WATCHUNG—Watching Arts Center presents RASA, an avant garde music ensemble performing their "poemusic." Showtime is 8 p.m. For further information call 908-753-0190.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 23

NEWARK—The New Jersey Symphony Orchestra will feature the music of Hollywood and Broadway at 3:00 p.m. at the Symphony Hall. For more info call 201-624-8203.

TEANECK—The second one-act play series to be presented by the Westside Repertory Theater, 252 W. 81st St., will honor three Black Classical Playwrights and their work: "The Great Lover" by Alexander Dumas, pere; "Mozart and Salieri" by Alexander Pushkin; and "The Brown Overcoat" by Victor Segur at 7:30 p.m. The series will run for three days. Tickets for each play are \$8. For more info call 212-874-7290.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 26

HOBOKEN—Projected Images of Hudson County presents The Black Man Film & Video Festival. (Featuring an eclectic assortment of short independently produced films from all over the country.) For further information call 201-217-4077.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 27

MONTECLAIR—The Montclair Museum of Art will present "The Music of Chance," as part of its 8th Annual American Independent Filmmakers Series. For more info call 201-746-5555 ext. 17.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 30

NEW BRUNSWICK—At the George Street Playhouse an "Audio Described Performance" for patrons with visual impairments. For more info, call 908-846-2885.

TEANECK—The second one-act play series to be presented by the Westside Repertory Theater, 252 W. 81st St., will honor three Black Classical Playwrights and their work: "The Great Lover" by Alexander Dumas, pere; "Mozart and Salieri" by Alexander Pushkin; and "The Brown Overcoat" by Victor Segur at 7:30 p.m. The series will run for three days. Tickets for each play are \$8. For more info call 212-874-7290.

'Malcolm X: Make It Plain'

In the past few years, interest has been greatly renewed in Malcolm X, the controversial, charismatic African-American leader who gave voice to the struggle of black people for human dignity and justice in the 1960s. Spike Lee's Hollywood feature film biography generated enormous attention; Malcolm X's writings are being discovered by a generation born after his death; and nearly 30 years after his initial publication, *The Autobiography of Malcolm X* hit #1 on the New York Times bestseller list.

But who was Malcolm X? What did he stand for? (On Wednesday, January 26, from 8 to 10:30 p.m. ET (check local listings), *The American Experience*, the award-winning historical documentary series on PBS, will present *Malcolm X: Make It Plain*, an in-depth film portrait that goes straight to the heart, the mind, and the message of one of the modern era's most complex figures. Political philosopher and visionary, husband and father, dynamic orator and militant minister, Malcolm X was both loved and despised, revered and feared—until an assassin's bullet cut him down in 1965.

Malcolm X: Make It Plain chronicles Malcolm X's remarkable journey from orphan on May 19, 1925 in Omaha, Nebraska, to his tragic assassination at the Audubon Ballroom in New York

City on February 21, 1965. During his lifetime, Malcolm X was many men. In Omaha, and in Lansing, Michigan, he was Malcolm Little, the son of Reverend Earl Little, an outspoken organizer for the famed Marcus Garvey movement, who preached about the relationship between black pride and salvation, and who was found dead on a city street, nearly cut in two by a streetcar—the victim, some believed, of white vigilantes. Years later, on the streets of Boston and New York, Malcolm Little became "Detroit Red" and "New York Red"—a hustler, drug pusher, pimp, con man, and the head of a Boston robbery ring.

He emerged from prison as Minister Malcolm—Malcolm X, the fiery, eloquent spokesman for Elijah Muhammad's Nation of Islam. At a time when black civil rights leaders preached harmony and integration, Malcolm preached a militant gospel of self-defense and nationalism that terrified many whites and disturbed, yet also inspired blacks. Finally, he became El Hajj Malik El Shabazz, the man who traveled to 14 African nations, meeting with heads of state, who became an internationally recognized leader and advocate for oppressed peoples, and who returned from Mecca with a deeper understanding of Islam, and a new willingness to accept white allies. In 1965, under attack from the Nation of Islam and under

surveillance by the FBI, Malcolm X was assassinated while delivering a speech. Who killed him and why has never been fully explained.

Malcolm X: Make It Plain is highlighted by witnesses' accounts of the central personal and public forces that forged Malcolm X. Growing up in a Garvey household; the death of his father, the institutionalization of his mother, his years of imprisonment; his introduction to the Nation of Islam through his brothers and sisters, and his rise to leadership in the much-misunderstood organization; his close relationship and painful break with Elijah Muhammad; his journey to Mecca; and the terrible, tense period that ended with his assassination.

Above all, there are the words of Malcolm X himself—challenging, enlightening, angry, funny, warm, defiant—and always "making it plain." "...The white man and the black man have to be able to sit down at the same table," he said in his last year. "The white man has to feel free to speak his mind without hurting the feelings of the Negro. The so-called Negro has to feel free to speak his mind without hurting the feelings of the white man. Then they can bring the issues that are under the rug out on top of the table and take an intelligent approach to getting the problem solved."



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'This Side Of Glory' tells the Black Panthers' story

NEW YORK, NY—A compelling personal story and an eyewitness account of the Black Panthers—the organization which FBI director J. Edgar Hoover called "the greatest threat to the internal security of the country." *This Side Of Glory: The Autobiography of David Hilliard* and *The Story of the Black Pan-*

ther Party reclaims a piece of history that has long been obscured and was almost lost.

This widely acclaimed book, written by the former chief of staff of the Panthers, provides eyewitness accounts of Huey Newton's shoot-out, the killing of Fred Hampton, how money was raised

and spent, the sexual mores of the Panthers, and how illegal activities erupted and were controlled within the organization.

A candid and moving autobiography, *This Side Of Glory* tells the story of David Hilliard, who, after imprisonment and desertion by the Party, turned to drugs and

alcohol. He ultimately, and painfully became a recovering addict, and is now a union organizer and social activist in Berkeley, California. Hilliard's life story serves as a paradigm for the despair of a generation of African-Americans and sheds light on many of America's present racial and political

troubles.

This Side Of Glory: The Autobiography of David Hilliard and the Story of the Black Panther Party written by David Hilliard and Lewis Cole is published by Back Bay Books/Little, Brown and Company; and will be in stores February 8, cost is \$11.95.

Drake House showcases black jazz greats

PLAINFIELD—The Drake House Museum will trumpet the musical innovations of "African-American Jazz Greats" with an exhibit that opens Saturday, January 15, and continues on consecutive Saturdays through Feb. 26 as a tribute to Black History Month, in February.

Open from 2-4 p.m. each Saturday, the exhibit will be mounted by the Historical Society of Plainfield, which administers the Drake House. Included from a private collection will be authentic period posters of celebrated jazz performers such as Ma Rainey, Bessie Smith, J. P. Armstrong, Dizzy Gillespie, Jelly Roll Morton, Louis Armstrong, Miles Davis, Thelonious Monk and others.

Covering a period from the late 1800s, the

exhibit will also contain original news clippings, a book by Eubie Blake and historical references. Originated in New Orleans, this beat was first known as "Jass," a Creole term for "speeding up" which, in music, meant a faster tempo. The word eventually melded into "Jazz" as it became a significant and totally American part of musical history. Historical jazz is tracing the chronology of the Jazz heritage will be part of the exhibit.

Program admission is a \$1 donation, members and children free. The Drake House is located at 6 W. Front Street. For further information please call 908-755-5831.

TBS Superstation
airs MLK
National Holiday
Parade live

ATLANTA, GA—For the fifth consecutive year, TBS Superstation will nationally telecast the Martin Luther King, Jr. National Holiday Parade live from Atlanta Stadium, on January 15, at 12:05 ~ 1:35 p.m. (ET). The event will be hosted by actor Charles Dutton, singer Nancy Wilson and sports reporterhost Craig Sager.

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Business Calendar

THURSDAY, JANUARY 13

SOUTH ORANGE—Seton Hall University's W. Paul Shilman School of Business will hold its fourth annual Business Outlook Conference. For more information call 201-761-7573.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 18

BRIDGEWATER—The New Jersey Association of Women Business Owners is sponsoring a Start Right Build Right seminar at Kean College from 9 a.m. to noon. For more information call 908-707-0173.

NEW BRUNSWICK—The New Jersey State Bar Foundation will present a free public seminar on Small Claims Court from 7 to 9 p.m. at the New Jersey Law Center, One Constitution Square (off Ryders Lane). To register call 1-800-FREE-LAW ext. 7525.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 19

NEWARK—The next meeting of the Government Center Development Corporation will be held at 8:15 a.m. at Broad National Bank, 805 Broad St., 2nd floor. Guest Speaker will be Richard Roberts, Chief of Transportation Planning and Policy for the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 21

FAIRFIELD—NLP Center of New Jersey, a leader in training seminars & programs, will be conducting a free seminar on "Goal Setting" from 7 until 10 p.m. The speaker will be Kathleen La Valle. For more information call 201-770-1084.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 25

NEWARK—Ms. Gail Thompson, vice-president of design and construction for the NJ Performing Arts Center, will be the keynote speaker at the general meeting of the United Minority Business Brain Trust, 1 Gateway Center, 12th Floor from 8 to 8 p.m.

Send Business Calendar events to: **City News**

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City Business

Eight New Jersey municipalities added to labor surplus list

TRENTON—Mayor Sharpe James has announced that Newark has been added to the U.S. Department of Labor's (DOL) list of labor surplus areas in New Jersey, making employers eligible for preference on designated federal contracts.

Business Administrator Glenn Grant said that under federal regulations, employers in labor surplus areas are eligible to receive preference in bidding on designated contracts for procurement into areas of severe economic need. "With the new additions, it brings the number of labor surplus areas in the State of New Jersey to 28, with this classification effective from now until September 30, 1994."

To be designated for the labor surplus classification, an area must be a county or civil jurisdiction with a population of at least 25,000 and have an unemployment rate determined by the New Jersey Department of Labor and the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics to be at least 20 percent above the national average for the previous two calendar years.

The designation criteria required areas to have an average unemployment rate of at least 8.5 percent during the 1991-92 period. The additional areas were added in New Jersey as a result of continued job losses during 1992.

According to officials, areas which are not currently on the labor surplus list can be classified at any time on the basis of exceptional circumstances, such as a major permanent lay-off or plant closing. The New Jersey Department of Labor has the responsibility for submitting a classification request to the U.S. Department of Labor.

The labor surplus area listing and a complete description of the classification criteria, as well as updates to the annual listing, are published in Area Trends in Employment and Unemployment by the DOL. Employers located in labor surplus areas and interested in bidding on federal contracts should consult the *Commerce Business Daily*, which lists federal contract requirements and indicates those to be awarded under preference procedures. Both the Area Trends and the *Commerce Business Daily* publications are available by subscription.

Further information may be obtained by writing to the Superintendent of Documents, U.S. Government Printing Office, Washington, D.C. 20402 or by calling 202-783-3238.

In addition, Newark employers may obtain additional information on contracts from the nearest Business Service Center of the General Services Administration at 212-264-1234, or by writing Gwen W. Williams, director, Business Service Center, General Services Administration, Jacob K. Javits Building, 26 Federal Plaza, New York, New York 10278.

Interested persons or employers needing more information on the classification procedure may also contact the New Jersey Department of Labor at 609-292-2583 or write to the New Jersey Department of Labor, Division of Labor Market and Demographic Research, CN 383, Trenton, New Jersey 08625-0383.

SBA seeks mentors for WNET program

NEWARK—The U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) is seeking successful women business owners to act as mentors to newly formed women-owned companies under the Woman's Women's Network for Entrepreneurial Training (WNET) Program.

According to Carol Slattery, SBA's newly appointed coordinator for women business ownership in New Jersey, "Basically, the WNET program matches the experienced woman business owner with the inexperienced owner. The SBA is hoping that this type of relationship will help the newer women-owned companies to grow and attain the level of success they are capable of achieving."

To qualify as a mentor, a woman business owner must have founded her company and been its CEO for at least five years; must have a successful business, demonstrated by the steady growth of her company; must be willing to devote an average of

four hours per month to her protégé for at least one year; and is willing, on a one-to-one basis with her protégé, to discuss or provide necessary information about business in order to enhance the development of a mentor/student relationship.

"The SBA is committed to making this program work throughout New Jersey," said Slattery. "We have more than enough women-owned companies who are in need of receiving in-depth counseling, we now need successful women business owners throughout the state to share their experience and advice with women business owners who can really use the help."

Women business owners interested in becoming a mentor under the SBA's Women's Network for Entrepreneurial Training should contact Carol Slattery of the SBA at 201-645-3683 or Dr. Patricia Peacock, director of the Rutgers University Camden Small Business Development Center at 609-225-6221.

Tribute to women and industry

PLAINFIELD—Managerial and professional women throughout New Jersey are invited to attend "Women in Management" discussion and support groups for rising women professionals. Meetings are designed to provide a forum for open discussion of personal and professional development and common business concerns.

"Women in Management" discussion series are sponsored by Tribute To Women and Industry (TWIN) sponsoring companies, and will be held at various corporations throughout the state. BASF Corporation of Parsippany will host January 19, February 16 and March 16 roundtable sessions. Interested women in the Annandale area will meet at Exxon Research and Engineering Company January 26, February 23 and March 23. In Edison, Sea Land Service, Inc. will be the site of January 26, February 22 and March 22 meetings.

Each session will focus on a specific work or family issue pertinent to today's careers and lifestyles. Upcoming discussion topics will include "Marketing Your Work Effectively," "Competition and Cooperation with Women Peers," "Changing Leadership Styles," "Personality Styles" and "Globalization—Women Involved in International Markets." Meetings begin at 6 p.m.

and end at 8 p.m.

The Summit YWCA hosts networking groups the third Wednesday of each month. These sessions offer an opportunity for an open exchange of ideas for those contemplating a career change, experiencing some professional difficulty or merely wishing to network with other women professionals. Through facilitated interaction, participants discuss their concerns and learn from shared personal experiences of other group members. Networking is expected and encouraged at these meetings.

These ongoing sessions are sponsored by the Career Options Center, a project of the Plainfield/North Plainfield and Summit YWCA's Tribute to Women and Industry (TWIN) Program of Central New Jersey. Facilitators and advisors are recipients of the TWIN Award, given annually to women who have made outstanding contributions to business and industry, and are members of TWIN Management Forum, a professional network for TWIN honorees. There is no fee for the monthly meetings, but pre-registration is required. For additional information, contact Janet Korba, TWIN Program Director, at 908-756-3836.

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HOUSING AUTHORITY OF INVGTON**

The Housing Authority of Invgton New Jersey is soliciting for professional services to Prepare A Complete Package For The 1994 Comprehensive Grant Program in accordance with all applicable HUD Requirements. The Invgton Housing Authority has projects with a total of 674 Conventional Dwelling Units.

The Comprehensive Grant Program Package should include, but is not limited to, the following:
Complete review and familiarization with all documents submitted in connection with 1993 Comprehensive Plan, Conferences with Executive Director and appropriate housing authority personnel, Conferences with HUD personnel, Preparation, if needed, of all revisions to Form HUD-52832 Physical needs Assessment Form Pursuant to Paragraph 6-14 of Comp Grant Program Handbook, Preparation of all documents in connection with the annual reporting requirements set forth in Chapter procedures of Form HUD-52832 pursuant to Paragraph 9-9 of Comp Grant Program Handbook, Preparation of Form HUD-52834 Five Year Action Plan, Preparation of Form HUD-52835 Local Government Statement, Preparation of two (2) Form HUD-52837, one current FY and one for subsequent FY, Preparation of cost Allocation Methodology, if applicable, Preparation of form 50070 Certification for a Drug-Free Workplace, Preparation of Form HUD-5071 Certification for Contracts, Attorneys and Cooperative Agencies, Preparation of SF-LL Disclosure of Grants, Loans and Cooperative Agencies to Resident Leaders and Residents, Lobbying Activities, Preparation of Notices to Resident Leaders and Residents, Attendance at Advance Meeting to Resident Groups, Attendance at Public Hearing, Interaction in planning process with government officials and residents, Updating Handicapped Needs Assessment as per Section 504 guidelines, Preparation of Summary of General Issues/PAHA Responses, Any and all work necessary to comply with all HUD requirements regarding the Comprehensive Grant Program.

Proposals should be submitted on or before January 19, 1994, at 10:00 A.M. Your credentials must accompany the proposal.

Qualifications, plus price, shall be considered in the selection process and will be evaluated by the Invgton Housing Authority.

Proposals should be mailed or delivered to as to be received on or before the above date and time, in a sealed envelope to:

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The Housing Authority of the Town of Morristown is seeking legal representation for the following, but not limited to, twelve (12) regularly scheduled board meetings.

1. Attendance at a minimum of twelve (12) regularly scheduled board meetings.
2. Institution of tenure related suits.
3. Review and approval of bid documents and bids.
4. Legal opinions regarding Department of Housing and Urban Development regulations.
5. Representation of Authority regarding employee matters
6. Preparation of board resolutions.

All interested parties should be familiar with Department of Housing and Urban Development rules and regulations and knowledge of New Jersey public bidding laws. All work not covered in the contract shall be quoted on an hourly basis. Tenancy cases should be quoted on a fixed rate basis. Copies of Department of Housing and Urban Development approved form of contract are available at the Morristown Housing Authority offices, 31 Early Street, Morristown, NJ.

Please submit all proposals to Lawrence R. Jackson Executive Director, Morristown Housing Authority, 31 Early Street, Morristown, NJ 07960, no later than February 7, 1994.

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The Township of Montclair and EOE, is seeking an Activities Director to plan, direct and supervise recreational activities. The successful candidate should have demonstrated skills in preparing public notices, writing and organizing athletic leagues. A Bachelor's Degree in Recreation Administration, Physical Education or related field is required. In addition a valid NJ drivers license is necessary. Apply: Personnel Office, Township of Montclair, 205 Claremont Avenue, Montclair, NJ 07042. Closing January 18, 1994.

COMPLIANCE ADMINISTRATOR

The New Jersey Turnpike Authority is currently accepting resumes for the position of Compliance Administrator. This position reports directly to the EEO Officer. Candidates should have a Bachelor's Degree, preferably in Public Administration, and a minimum five years administrative experience in contract monitoring, EEO complaint handling, and training programs relating to the EEO office. Closing date for accepting resumes is January 14, 1994. Competitive salary & excellent benefits package. Send resume & salary requirements to:

NJ Turnpike Authority
Personal & Confidential
ATTN: MG-P.O. Box 11
New Brunswick, NJ 08903
EEO Employer M/F

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

The Housing Authority of the Town of Secaucus, New Jersey will accept proposals for Architectural/Engineering services in order to convert existing roof area into a recreational seating area (800 Country Avenue, Secaucus, NJ). All services must comply with state and local laws and be in accordance with the existing rules, orders, decrees, regulations and handbooks promulgated by the US Department of Housing and Urban Development.

The services that are requested will be as follows:

1. Analyze the existing roof in order to determine the exact modifications necessary to make the roof a seating surface.
2. Meet with the Board of Commissioners in order to discuss all proposed modifications and to receive their input prior to preparation of the public bidding documents.
3. Prepare written cost estimates of the proposed renovations.
4. Prepare the public bidding documents necessary to secure prices for the roof conversion in accordance with the NJ Local Public Contracts Law and federal procurement requirements.
5. Review public bids and make a recommendation to the Board of Commissioners concerning the lowest responsible bidder.
6. Attend meetings of the Authority's Board of Commissioners and meetings with Authority staff which are relevant to the project.
7. Review and approve the selected contractor's shop drawings and related construction documents.
8. Perform all services required of the architect as set forth in the standard form of contract as prescribed by HUD and included with this RFP.
9. In cooperation with the Authority make regularly scheduled inspections of all construction work.

10. The Architect/Engineer must ensure that all work is being performed in strict conformance with the approved contract documents.

11. Advise the Authority on special problems and any changes in the project. Prepare and countersign construction change-orders involving a change in contract price and/or extension of contract time for execution by the Authority and the contractor.

12. Review and approve all requests for payments submitted by the contractor.

13. Perform the final inspection and prepare a punch-list of incomplete or defective work and, if necessary, prepare the documents and recommend finalization of the work.

14. Certify as to the full completion of the project for payment of amounts withheld at the time of settlement.

15. If requested by the Authority, inspect the project after final acceptance and before expiration of any applicable guarantees or warranties.

QUALIFICATIONS

1. Must be licensed in the State of NJ to provide Architectural/Engineering services.
2. Must be approved by the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development to provide these services.
3. Should have previous experience providing these services on a similar scale.
4. Should have experience in preparing HUD approved public bidding documents.

PROPOSAL SUBMISSION

All persons interested in submitting a proposal for the Architectural/Engineering services should submit a proposal based upon a lump-sum fee. The form of contract is available at the office of the Housing Authority. Proposals should be delivered to the Housing Authority of the Town of Secaucus, 737-5th Street, Secaucus, NJ on or before January 13th, 1994 by 7 PM. The Housing Authority will utilize the "competitive negotiation" process in its selection procedure. A copy of the rating system has been attached to the RFP for review by those parties interested in submitting a proposal.

1/5/94

WILLIAM F. GAYDER
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

NOTICE

The Housing Authority of the City of Long Branch is in the process of closing the waiting list for Public Housing. Sections 9 Program and Senior Citizens.

The Authority will not accept applications after January 21, 1994.

Notice will be given in its paper advertising when the list will re-open.

1/5/94

DAVID ALLEN BROWN
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

INVITATION TO BID

(Caring Services at West End Gardens,
Elmwood Gardens and Richmond Towers)

The Housing Authority of Plainfield desires to obtain proposals for caring services for its three (3) housing developments, West End Gardens, 128 units, Elmwood Gardens, 120 units and Richmond Towers, 225 units.

Proposal forms and information may be obtained at the office of the Housing Authority of Plainfield, 510 East Front Street, Plainfield, New Jersey.

Proposals must be submitted on proposal forms in two (2) sealed envelopes, showing the name and address of the contractor on the reverse of the envelope, at the Housing Authority office on or before 2:00 p.m. January 16, 1994. Upon notification of acceptance of the proposal and award, the contractor will be required to immediately sign a contract and commence service. Contractor will also be required to submit evidence of required insurance. The Housing Authority reserves the right to reject any and all proposals or to waive any informality thereof.

No proposal shall be withdrawn for a period of sixty (60) days subsequent to the opening of proposals without the consent of the Housing Authority of Plainfield.

12/15, 12/22, 12/28.

HOUSING AUTHORITY OF PLAINFIELD
RICHARD D. FOX
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

**FAX FOR SALE, FOR RENT,
REAL ESTATE, HELP
WANTED AND LEGAL ADS
24 HOURS TO
908-753-1036**

EDITOR

Full time editor for metro Newark's #1 African American weekly newspaper. Must have minimum 3 years experience with newspaper in editorial capacity. Competitive salary commensurate with experience. Submit cover letter, resume, recent writing samples and/or letter sheets - reference to:

EDITOR,
CITY NEWS
144 NORTH AVENUE,
PLAINFIELD, NJ 07060

**SECOND HAND
SHOP**

Thrift Clothing,
Flea Market Items
1308 Springfield Ave.,
2nd floor
New Providence
Tue-Fri
9:30 am - 3 p.m.
Saturday 9-12 p.m.
(908) 247-5900

FOR RENT

Private Home
1st Floor, 018 Bedroom
and Large Kitchen
Small 2 Bedroom with
Kitchen
Bus stops at door.
Nonsmokers preferred.
No Pets. Senior
Citizens and Section 8
Only Call
908-755-6187.

DIRECTOR OF CIRCULATION

Circulation manager needed to supervise distribution operations for a group of African American publications. Must be flexible and have own transportation with clean driving record. Send cover letter and resume to:

CITY NEWS PUBLISHING COMPANY
PO Box 1774
Plainfield, NJ 07061.

SYSTEMS ANALYST

Large Housing Authority is seeking a qualified individual for a challenging position with a Managerial Information Systems Department. This position requires technical knowledge in Computer Programming, knowledge of DOS and UNIX operating systems - a must. Individual must be a self-motivated, self-starter who is able to work in a strong team environment. Resumes and salary requirements are to be mailed in confidence to:

HACN
P.O. Box 191
Plainfield, NJ 07060

TAX ASSESSOR

The Township of Montclair and EOE, is seeking a Tax Assessor. The successful candidate must have demonstrated experience in the preparation of the Municipal/Court, preparing complaints, warrants, affidavits, summonses and other documents in addition, the candidate must have experience in court proceedings, collection of fines and court costs including preparing the court budget. Familiarity with computers especially the Criminal Processing/Traffic System is an asset. The Township of Montclair Personnel Office, 205 Claremont Avenue, Montclair, NJ 07042. Closing January 28, 1994.

COURT ADMINISTRATOR

The Township of Montclair and EOE, is seeking a Court Administrator. The successful candidate must have demonstrated experience in the preparation of the Municipal/Court, preparing complaints, warrants, affidavits, summonses and other documents in addition, the candidate must have experience in court proceedings, collection of fines and court costs including preparing the court budget. Familiarity with computers especially the Criminal Processing/Traffic System is an asset. The Township of Montclair Personnel Office, 205 Claremont Avenue, Montclair, NJ 07042.

In Essex County, call:
201-504-9300
9:00 AM - 5:00 PM

**ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS
HOUSING AUTHORITY OF THE TOWN OF BOONTON
(OWNER)**

Sealed bids for: Contract W-1: Window and Door Replacement at Pleno Street Apartments, NJ52-1, and Chestnut Street Apartments, NJ52-1B, respectively, and will be received by:

Housing Authority of the Town of Boonton, 125 Chestnut Street, Boonton, NJ until 10 AM EST, February 2, 1994, and then at said office publicly opened and read aloud.

The Boonton Housing Authority reserves the right to reject any or all bids and to waive any informalities in the bidding. No bid shall be with drawn for a period of sixty days subsequent to the opening of bids. The Information for Bidders, Form of Bid and Specifications may be examined at the office of Tighe, Doty, Carrino, P.A., 854 Eighth Street, Secaucus, NJ 07096-1098, between 9AM and 4PM Monday through Friday. Copies may be obtained at the office of Tighe, Doty, Carrino, P.A. upon payment of \$60, either cash or certified check, for each set. Any successful bidder, upon returning such set within 15 days after bid date and in good condition, will receive a full refund and any non-bidders will not receive refund.

All bidders are required to submit a certified check to the order of the Boonton Housing Authority for five percent (5%) of the Surety Company authorized to do business in the State of NJ. The bidder shall also include a Certificate of Surety at the time of bidding. In the event bidder is a corporation or partnership who own ten percent (10%) or more of its stock, of any class or of all individual partners in the partnership who owns ten percent or greater interest therein as the case may be. Each bid must also be accompanied by a certification by bidder regarding Equal Opportunity Employment Practice and a Non-Collusive Affidavit and Statement of Compliance with bidding requirements. The successful bidder will be required to furnish and pay for Performance/Payment Bond in the amount of 100% of the Contract Price.

All bids to be hand delivered at the time and place of the prescribed meeting as indicated above. No bid will be accepted by mail or delivered before said meeting.

1/5/94

VIRGINIA B. MC GINNIS
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

The Housing Authority of the Town of Secaucus, New Jersey will accept proposals for accounting services for the fiscal year 4/01/94 to 3/31/95. It is the Housing Authority's desire to retain and continue the services of an accounting firm as advisor to the Authority in all matters connected to the establishment and ongoing functions of the accounting books and records. All services must be in accordance with the existing rules, orders, decrees, regulations and handbooks promulgated by the US Department of Housing and Urban Development (including the HUD Accounting handbook, the Financial Management handbook and the Annual Contributions Contract).

The services that are requested will be as follows and will relate to all of the Housing Authority's programs (including but not limited to: Public Housing, Section 8 Voucher, Section 23 Leased Housing, Comprehensive Improvement Assistance Program, Community Development Program).

1) Maintenance and establishment of the accounting books and records, including monthly posting to the general ledger. The books must be maintained in accordance with the principles and standards and the classification and description of accounts as prescribed by HUD.

2) Preparation of budgets: financial statements and forms as required by law and the US Department of Housing and Urban Development.

3) Preparation of all regulations and financial reports.

4) Preparation of all state and federal payroll forms and reports (including a yearly reconciliation of all payroll deductions).

5) Attendance at meetings with HUD staff, HUD Auditors, Independent Auditors and Commissioners as requested by the Board of Commissioners and/or Executive Director.

6) A copy of the Income and expense ledgers or a trial balance of the ledgers showing the amounts budgeted and the actual amounts for the fiscal year to date shall be provided at the end of each calendar quarter at a minimum.

7) Preparation of a monthly reconciliation of bank accounts shall be prepared promptly upon receipts of the bank statements.

8) Preparation of a reconciliation of balances of tenants accounts whenever the summary of transactions with tenants (as furnished by the Authority) does not agree with the accountant's control records.

QUALIFICATIONS:

- 1) Must be a Certified Public Accountant (C.P.A.), licensed by the State of New Jersey or a licensed Public Accountant.
- 2) Should have experience and an understanding of HUD funded programs.
- 3) Must be approved by the US Department of Housing and Urban Development.

PROPOSAL SUBMISSION:

All persons interested in submitting a proposal for accounting services should submit a proposal based upon a lump-sum fee. Payment schedule to be established by the Authority. Proposals should be delivered to the office of the Housing Authority of the Town of Secaucus, 737-5th Street, Secaucus, NJ on or before February 24th, 1994 by 7:00 PM. The Housing Authority will utilize the "competitive negotiation" process in its selection procedure. A copy of the evaluation system has been attached to the RFP for review by those persons interested in submitting a proposal. All persons submitting a proposal are encouraged to contact the Housing Authority in an effort to personally review the financial operations of the Authority.

12/29/93

WILLIAM F. SNYDER
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

**ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS
PROJECT NO. NJ51-2, 3 & 5**

The Housing Authority of the Borough of Glassboro

Separate sealed bids for Coin-operated Laundry Equipment for 3 elderly apartment complexes located in Glassboro, New Jersey, will be received by the Housing Authority of the Borough of Glassboro at their office located at 737 Lincoln Blvd., Glassboro, N.J., until 11:00 o'clock A.M. S.T., Thursday, January 13, 1994, and then at said office publicly opened and read aloud.

The Information for Bidders, Specifications, and other contract documents may be examined at the Housing Authority office, 737 Lincoln Blvd., Glassboro, N.J. Copies also may be obtained at this office.

If you have any questions regarding this bid, or to arrange for a site visit, contact Harry Castor at: (609)881-5211.

The owner reserves the right to waive any informalities or to reject any or all bids.

No bidder may withdraw his bid within 30 days after the actual date of the opening thereof.

12/29/93

ARENDA ROLAX
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Ex-Jet gives back to hometown Englewood as Director of Parks and Recreation

